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SUBJECT: US-SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE STATISTICS - 1977

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 55831; (B) PRETORIA 1446

1. REFTEL (B) ASKED FOR US-SOUTH AFRICA COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS
FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYSIS STAFF OF COMMERCE.

2. WE ARE SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED BY SA FINANCIAL WEEKLY FOR A
SLIGHTLY MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF US-SOUTH AFRICA TRADE
THAN CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A). COULD TOTALS UNDER FOLLOWING
OR SIMILAR HEADINGS BE PROVIDED:

US EXPORTS: RICE, PULP AND PAPER, CHEMICALS, TEXTILES,

NON-ELECTRIC MACHINERY, ELECTRIC MACHINERY, ROAD VEHICLES,
AIRCRAFT, SCIENTIFIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT.

US IMPORTS: SHELLFISH, SUGAR, DIAMONDS, FERROMANGANESE

AND MANGANESE ORE, OTHER FERROALLOYS; PLATINUM; WORKS

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OF ART (KRUGERRAND INCLUDED; NICKEL, CHROME AND
OTHER NONFERROUS ORES, WOOD PULP.

3. TWO QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN CONCERNING TOTALS GIVEN
IN STATE 55831. FIRST, WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT US IMPORTS
OF KRUGERRAND WERE SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH IN 1977 TO
JUSTIFY A SEPARATE HEADING. SECOND, FIGURE OF \$181.

MILLION FOR IRON SEEMS REMARKABLY HIGH. CAN SUB-CATEGORIES OF THIS BE PROVIDED?

4.. WE ARE ALSO ASKED WHETHER TOTAL FOR DIAMONDS (\$333 MILLION) IS ONLY DIRECT IMPORTS OF ALSO INCLUDES CUT DIAMONDS OF SA ORIGIN FOR EUROPE AND ISRAEL.

5. JOURNAL HAS ASKED FOR INFO BY OPENING OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, TO MEET DEADLINE.
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